

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School ... *Home of the Knights!*

February 11, 2024



Monday, Feb 12

PTO Meeting (3:30 - 4:30)

Tuesday, Feb 13

Site Council Meeting (5:00pm)

Meeting is online

Thursday, Feb 15

Parent Conferences (5:00 - 6:30)

Monday, Feb 19

Start of February Break
(one week no school)

Monday, Feb 26

School Resumes



Volleyball

Girls Team practices

Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4:30

Boys Team practices on Monday and Wednesday
from 3-4:30

The coaches for both teams are: Maeve Torres,
Rachel Prevost and Connor Benoit



Floor Hockey

Don't forget Floor Hockey on
Friday with Joe Cote

From the Principal's Desk

Let's have another look at Black History Month because "Knowing the past, opens the door to the future" as stated in the *National Museum of African American History*. This year's theme is African Americans and the Arts according to ASALH. Consider reading some poems by Amanda Gorman [Amanda Gorman](#), an African American poet, *cum laude* graduate of Harvard University and youngest inaugural poet in US history. Reflect on her line from the poem *The Hill We Climb*:

We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be: a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free... (Amanda Gorman)

Another option for older students is the movie *Malcom X* directed by Spike Lee and starring Denzel Washington. The movie is rated PG-13 so it may not be appropriate for all students.

February 7- February 14 is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness week. The staff at Nettle will be wearing red (or some red) each day during the week to show support for children everywhere born with this rare condition (and to support a faculty member for whom this is a personal cause). We are encouraging students to join us in raising awareness for this issue.

Parent Conferences will be held on February 15th from 5:00 - 6:30. The progress reports will be uploaded on the evening of February 13th. Time slots for the conferences are 5 minutes. I know it seems short but if you meet with each teacher you will have 20 minutes of conference time. Remember most teachers have at least 100 students on their roster.

The Site Council meetings are online at 5:00pm if you are interested in being invited email me at eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org

Guidance

8th Grade Students & Families from Guidance:

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Mrs.Crowley met with all 8th grade Whittier Tech applicants this week and gave all students their interview dates, times, and practice interview questions. The practice questions are also posted in google classroom. Interviews for Whittier Tech. will be held on March 7th and March 8th at Nettle School.

The deadline to apply to the Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs at HHS is Friday, February 16th. Interviews for CTE will be held on March 14th and March 15th at Nettle School.

The course registration process for Haverhill High School is underway. All 8th grade teachers have made recommendations for academic courses for their students and Mrs.Crowley is in the process of meeting with all students to help them register for electives. Please email Mrs.Crowley if you have any questions at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

Washington DC - grade 8

You must have already registered by February 1st in order to participate in the chocolate bar fundraiser for the Washington DC trip.

Washington D.C. Info (this was sent home with students 12/20)

- 2/12/24: **last day to register**

- 4/12/24: final payment due

Contact:

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Drama Club

Drama club Monday 2:45 pm-4:00 pm, Wednesday 2:45 -4:00

Student Council

Wednesday during lunch

Academic Bowl

Academic bowl meets on Tuesdays in 203 from 2:45-3:30. See Mrs. McCarron or Mr. Dion with questions.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming Academic Bowl:

February 28 ---- Nettle @ Whittier

March 4 - Nettle @ Hunking

March 8 - Consentino @ Nettle

March 11 - Whittier @ Nettle

March 18 ----- Hunking @ Nettle

March 20 ---- Nettle @ Consentino

Playoffs will be after school Tuesday March 26 will be the semi finals and Wednesday March 27 for the finals.

From the Math Coach

More Ways to Use Math At Home

Highlight ways you use math in everyday life. Discuss how you use math for bills, grocery shopping, home improvement projects and more. A trip to the store is a perfect place to estimate, compare, add and count money. Add the costs of items together, estimate your total and compare to find the best deal. How much money will you get back if you pay with \$30?

From the ELA Coach

Can you spell flummoxed? Fascinated? Desecration? Tostone? How about diode? This week we held a spelling bee here at Nettle. There were 44 participants from grades 5-8 who placed either first or second in their class spelling bee. They competed against each other to determine a champion who will go on to compete in a regional competition. This year's winner was Nathan Hamel, grade 5. Congrats Nathan!

SCHOOL

STORE

Fundraiser

ITEMS FOR SALE

fidgets, stickers, jibbitz, bracelets,
Takis, chips, cookies, and more...

» EVERY MONDAY LUNCH «

Thank you for supporting the PTO!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NETTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO
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